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ONE BRANCH



WEBSTER FAMILY

FROM

 Thomas Webster,

OF ORMESBY, COUNTY NORFOLK, ENGLAND.

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I.

THOMAS WEBSTER.

THOMAS WEBSTER, baptized 20 Nov., 1631, at Ormesby, England; settled in Hampton; married SARAH BREWER of Hampton, 2 Nov., 1657; he died 5 Jan., 1715.

Children of Thomas and Sarah Brewer Webster:

1. MARY, born 19 Dec., 1658; married, first, 20 Oct., 1676, to WILLIAM SWAIN; 12 June, 1694, to JOSEPH EMMONS; living in 1735 at Hampton.
2. SARAH, born 22 Jan., 1661; married 21 June, 1680, WILLIAM LANE; died 5 Jan., 1745, at Hampton.
3. HANNAH, born 20 Jan., 1664; died 1 Feb., 1664.
4. THOMAS, born 20 Jan., 1665; died 7 March, 1733, at Kingston.
5. EBENEZER, born 1 Aug., 1667; died 1 Feb., 1736, at Kingston.
6. ISAAC, born 2 April, 1670; died 21 Feb., 1718, at Kingston.
7. *John, born 16 Feb., 1674; married, first, 21 Sept., 1703, Abiah Shaw; second, Sarah ———; was living in 1752.*
8. JOSHUA, born 8 Nov., 1676.
9. ABIGAIL, born 1 Jan., 1679.

In 1679 New Hampshire was created a Royal Province, to be governed by a President and Council. A General Assembly was ordered by the commission and determined, who should have the privilege of choosing three deputies. On the list prepared for Hampton, among others appears Thomas Webster.

In 1693, Thomas Webster, Sr., was appointed collector of taxes for the town of Hampton.

On the list of men of Hampton known to have served in King William's War, 1689-1697, appears the name of Thomas Webster. *Hist. of Hamp. Vol. I., p. 233.*

On list of men of Hampton known to have served in the Indian Wars, 1675-1763, appears the name of Thomas Webster.

There were at this time Thomas Webster, Sr., and Thomas Webster, Jr., the latter born in 1665. On the lists the Sr. and Jr. are omitted, and notwithstanding the fact that Thomas, Sr., was baptized in 1631, and died in 1715, he was not too old for service in King William's War; and the presumption is a fair one, that in 1689, at the age of 58, and for some years later, he did service, particularly in times when every one was ready for duty in defence of home and family.

II.

PRIVATE JOHN WEBSTER.

JOHN WEBSTER, born 16 Feb., 1674; married, first, 21 Sept., 1703, ABIAH SHAW; second, SARAH ———; he was living in 1752.

Children:

1. JEREMIAH, born 21 Dec., 1704; married 19 June, 1729, ELIZABETH LADD; will made 11 April, 1769; proved 30 June, 1773, Kingston.
2. CHARITY, born 2 April, 1706; married 23 Oct., 1734, HEZEKIAH BERRY.
3. JOSIAH, born 2 April, 1706; married 21 Sept., 1738, MARTHA GOSS; died March, 1764.
4. *Captain John, born 10 Feb., 1710; married Ruth Clough, 17 Nov., 1730; died 29 April, 1788.*
5. THOMAS, born 1 July, 1715.
6. CALEB, born 19 March, 1719; died 17 June, 1735.
7. ABIAH, born 20 Jan., 1722; died 2 July, 1736.
8. ELIZABETH, born 27 Sept., 1724; married 19 Aug., 1747, to WILLIAM KINGMAN.

PRIVATE JOHN WEBSTER.

In the list of men from Hampton known to have served in King William's War, 1689-1697, appears the name of John Webster. *Hist. of Hampton, p. 140.*

On the list of men from Hampton known to have served in the Indian wars, 1675-1763, appears the name of John Webster. *Hist. of Hampton, p. 203.*

It will be noted that the date of his death and the place of his death do not appear. He is known to have been living in 1752. With the records so complete in regard to other members of his family, it must be that he met his death away from home—perhaps in some one of the Indian wars—of which no record has been found. This statement is made upon the tradition from Private John Webster's grandson, Sergeant Israel Webster, who believed from reports that his Grandfather John was killed by the Indians on the frontiers. It was traditionary that he was a soldier fighting in the wars.

OTHER CHILDREN AND GRAND-CHILDREN OF
THOMAS WEBSTER OF ORMESBY.

The families of Thomas Webster, Jr., Ebenezer Webster, and Isaac Webster, all brothers of Private John Webster, and all children of Private Thomas Webster, are given for the information of others who may be interested in the lines of descent from them, and for those descended from Private Thomas through Private John, through Captain John, through Sergeant Israel, through Humphrey to George, Franklin, and Mayor William Prentiss Webster.

It is noted in regard to Thomas, Jr., Ebenezer, and Isaac, that a reference to the town histories, the war lists of New Hampshire, and genealogical tables will demonstrate a worthy military record as to themselves and many of their descendants, who figured during the periods of the Indian wars and the War of the Revolution. Not this alone, they were prominent in town affairs and conspicuous in religious and educational matters in the respective localities in which they lived.

II.

THOMAS WEBSTER, JR.

THOMAS WEBSTER, JR., b. 20 Jan., 1665; d. 7 March, 1733.

Children:

SARAH, b. 15 Sept., 1690; m. 14 Nov., 1710, SAM FELLOWS. A widow 1714 in Kingston.

THOMAS, b. (1693?); m. first, 19 June, 1717, MARY GREELY; second, widow ELIZ. LADD (a SANBORN); d. 13 May, 1772, Kingston.

MARY, b. 19 May, 1696; m. 16 Aug., 1716, JOHN FIFIELD; his second wife, ALICE, b. 5 Aug., 1698; d. 30 Oct., 1722, Kingston.

BENJ., b. 24 Aug., 1701; m. first, February, 1726, ELIZ. STUART; second, 1 Dec., 1737, MARY STANIAN; d. 5 Feb., 1781, Kingston.

JOSHUA, b. 2 Sept., 1703; m. ABIGAIL (WALDRON?), Kingston.

ABIGAIL, b. 15 April, 1706; m. 25 Dec., 1724, DAVID QUIMBY, Kingston.

SAMUEL, b. 3 April, 1708; m. first, 25 Feb., 1733, ELIZ. BURNHAM; second, 11 June, 1740, DOROTHY STANIAN.

ELIZABETH, b. 11 Jan., 1711; m. 20 April, 1731, JOSIAH FOWLER.

II.

EBENEZER WEBSTER.

EBENEZER WEBSTER, b. 1 Aug., 1667; d. 1 Feb., 1736.

Children :

RACHAEL, b. 17 March, 1710; m. 8 May, 1735,
DAVID SCRIBNER.

SUSANNA, b. 9 July, 1712; m. 27 Dec., 1733, DANIEL
DARLING.

EBENEZER, b. 10 Oct., 1714.

WILLIAM, b. 26 Aug., 1716; d. 6 Nov., 1726.

JOHN, b. 4 Aug., 1719; d. 4 Nov., 1730.

HANNAH, b. (1721-2); m. 4 Nov., 1740, SAMUEL
SCRIBNER.

MARY, b. 15 Sept., 1724; m. 5 Nov., 1741, ANDREW
GREELY.

JOSEPH, b. 15 Sept., 1724; m. 26 Nov., 1747, MARIA
GOSS.

EDO, b. 9 Feb., 1728; m. 12 March, 1747, JANE
GOSS.

Ebenezer, b. 1 Aug., 1667; served in Indian wars; settled in Kingston in 1700; married Hannah Judkins in July, 1709, and died 1 Feb., 1736.

Ebenezer, b. 10 Oct., 1714; married Susannah Batchelder, 20 July, 1738. He had a son whom he named Ebenezer, b. 22 April, 1739. This son settled in Salisbury; distinguished himself in the French and Indian wars, and in the Revolution; he is the Captain Ebenezer Webster referred to in the history of Salisbury in connection with Captain John Webster, and in 1774 appears on the historical military list as the second military officer in the town. Captain John Webster appears as the first in 1767. He died in 1806. He married Abigail Eastman, and was the father of the distinguished men, Ezekiel and Daniel Webster, who died respectively in 1829 and 1852.

II.

ISAAC WEBSTER.

ISAAC WEBSTER, b. 2 April, 1670; d. 21 Feb., 1718.

Children:

JOHN, b. 27 June, 1697; wife SARAH. Will 17 Feb., 1763; proved 27 Aug., 1766, Kingston.

JONA., b. 30 April, 1699; m. Widow ELIZ. SLEEPER, Kingston.

HANNAH, b. 22 Feb., 1702.

ELIZABETH, b. 16 March, 1704.

SARAH, b. ———; d. 28 Jan., 1715.

SAMUEL, b. 26 March, 1714; d. 4 March, 1715.

SAMUEL, b. 25 Aug., 1715.

GIDEON, b. 20 Dec., 1716; living 1763.

Samuel in 1756 was in Capt. Doe's company, in expedition against Crown Point.

III.

CAPTAIN JOHN WEBSTER, born 10 Feb., 1710; married RUTH CLOUGH, 17 Nov., 1730; died 29 April, 1788.

Children :

1. MARGARET, born 17 Jan., 1732; died 26 July, 1735.
2. RUTH, born 28 Aug., 1733.
3. MARGARET, born 1 Dec., 1735.
4. MARTHA, born 20 Nov., 1737.
5. HUMPHREY, born 20 March, 1740; died 13 Sept., 1763.
6. SARAH, born 17 Jan., 1742.
7. JOHN, born 10 Sept., 1744; died 3 Feb., 1827.
8. HANNAH, born 28 Aug., 1746.
9. REBECCA, born 10 Aug., 1750.
10. *Israel, born July, 1753; married 25 Oct., 1772, to Elizabeth, known as Betsy, Rolfe; died 8 Sept., 1835.*
11. STEPHEN, born 1 Jan., 1754.
12. HANNAH, born 3 Sept., 1756.

CAPTAIN JOHN WEBSTER.

The following appears from town records of Hampton, Stevenstown and Salisbury, and the histories of those towns, in regard to Captain John Webster, who was born 10 Feb., 1710, and died 29 April, 1788:

1752. The proprietors voted to plough up twelve acres of land in Stevenstown, and to pay John Webster and Jonathan Greeley 120 pounds old tenor for doing the work.

1754. On the capture of the Meloon family Gov. Wentworth promptly ordered out a company of twenty men, giving the command to Capt. John Webster, whose experience, energy, and efficiency admirably fitted him for the command.

The next descent was made upon the Call family on the intervale. Gov. Wentworth ordered out a company of sixty-two men, under command of Captain Blanchard, these two companies acting together.

1754. It appears from an old account book kept by Captain John Webster, a leading citizen first of Contoocook, and afterwards of Stevenstown, who owned a saw-mill in Contoocook, was interested in the lumbering business and in farming, and who then kept a small retail store, that the neighboring inhabitants of Stevenstown were forewarned to prepare themselves with ammunition against impending dangers. The records indicate that there were not more than eight families then settled in that town.

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~~1774~~ We find in Capt. Webster's book, under date 15 July, the following entries:

Stephen Call, Dr., to one pound powder, 1 pound 10 shillings.

Robert Barker, Dr., to one pound powder, 1 pound 10 shillings.

Salem Scribner, Dr., to one pound powder, 1 pound 10 shillings.

July 19, 1754, there were delivered to Ephraim Collins sixty bullets and two pounds of powder to be kept in store.

1755. New Hampshire sent a regiment of 600 men under command of Joseph Blanchard, of Dunstable, against Crown Point, Captain Webster serving as a private.

1756. He enlisted on May 1, and was in service until September 2nd of the same year for the second expedition against Crown Point, this time in Capt. Doe's company.

1757. This year an expedition was fitted out under the command of Colonel Meserve. Capt. John Webster enlisted in Captain Emery's company, serving from March 7th to Nov. 5th, and was at Fort William Henry at its surrender.

1757. The proprietors of Stevenstown granted him one hundred acres of land for building a saw-mill.

1760. He was ordered by the state authorities with a company of men to reconnoitre the frontiers and assist the fugitive inhabitants in gathering their crops and securing their cattle and other property.

1764. He built a saw-mill on Chance Pond, and a house, the first in what is now Franklin West Village. The old name, Pemigawasset River Falls, was changed to Webster Falls and later to Eastman Falls.

1767. He was elected a proprietary officer.

He was the first military officer in the town, Matthew Pettengill being his lieutenant, and Andrew Bohonnon his ensign.

When the inhabitants of the town wished to be incorporated they called upon Captain John Webster, who consented to go before the General Court with the petition signed by the townspeople for an act of incorporation.

1768. In March the act was granted under the name of the town of Salisbury, and Captain Webster was authorized to issue his warrant for the first town meeting of the town of Salisbury.

He was elected the first moderator of the town of Salisbury.

1770. He was appointed on the committee to run the town line between Salisbury and Warner.

1771. He was elected moderator of the town.

1773. He was elected moderator of the town.

1776. His name appears upon the town list of training men.

In the list for relief of the Northern Continental Army in Captain Osgood's company, of Concord, his name appears as his lieutenant in Colonel Moody Bedell's regiment.

He subscribed, on April 12, to the oath, to the utmost of his power and at the risk of his life and fortune, with arms to oppose the hostile proceedings of the British fleet and British armies against the American colonies.

1778. On Sept. 7th Captain John Webster and Captain Ebenezer Webster were chosen by the town to aid the selectmen in taking an inventory of the town and what each man had done in this present war.

1779. He was elected moderator of the town.

1781. He was on committee to give instruction to town treasurer and to care for the accounts when it was thought proper.

He was elected moderator of the town.

1782. He was elected moderator of the town.

1783. He was elected moderator of the town.

1784. The removal of the church from its present location was agitated. It was voted to remove it on to land of Capt. John Webster.

He gave one-half an acre for burial purpose to the town. The oldest stone is marked 1784.

1788. Captain John Webster died. His stone bears this inscription:

Let me not forgotten lie
Lest you forget that you must die.

Captain John, his father, John, and grandfather, Thomas, may be placed among the great class of settlers who began life in the wilderness, side by side, on an equal basis, which, in New Hampshire, fostered a spirit of independence. Their contentions were with the menaces of the Indians, the vastness and density of forests, the severity of winters, which forced them to a life of hardship and toil, which none but men of stern stuff and cool bravery could have endured. In the year 1700 the population of New Hampshire was five thousand, of whom it can be said, "God sifted a whole people that He might send choice grain over into this wilderness."

If, as in Massachusetts, the public offices were reserved for gentlemen, then the Websters were gentlemen.

If, as in Massachusetts, individual services to the state constituted an aristocrat, then the Websters were aristocrats.

If, as in Massachusetts, there was a distinction between new comers and old, then the old family of Websters could lay claims to social superiority.

If, as in Massachusetts, a yeoman stood next in social rank to a gentleman, then the Websters were second in rank.

If, as in Massachusetts, the merchant stood third in social rank, then the Websters stood third in rank.

If, as in Massachusetts, the families were ranged in church and in school, "gentlemen, yeomen, and merchants," then the Websters were ranged as "gentlemen, yeomen, and merchants."

It would seem, however, to appear from the stories of New Hampshire that the beginnings of the settlements grew

out of "commercial enterprises in England, and theological discussions in Massachusetts." The settlers did not come to establish a state or found a church, and "the institutions which they developed were the immediate outcome of their necessities." They do not appear to have wasted time over the philosophy of government, nor the tenets of this or that religious faith. Their continuous trials on the frontiers of civilization warmed their sympathies towards each other. Among themselves they were all gentlemen, all yeomen, all merchants, all mechanics. They lived in common to protect their primitive homes, to aid the sick and distressed, to better their condition. In church and in school the families and children sat in common, not according to rank.

If, as in Massachusetts, "with the growth of the democratic idea social barriers ultimately weakened," then the Websters were their own social destroyers; yet they lived and prospered, notwithstanding the wars with the Indians on the one side, and the exactions of the home government on the other, until the day of reckoning came, when Captain John and all of his sons on earth, John, Israel, and Stephen, reported for the Revolution, and upheld their principles of independence as gentlemen, yeomen, merchants, and mechanics. It is true their terms of service were brief; their homes were left to the mothers, wives, and sisters, who spun the flax and wove the wool; for them they had a care. Their sacrifices were even greater than in some colonies where the slaves were in the homes to care for the families, which permitted a longer continuous service, while our ancestors went, and returned, and went again, and so until the end.

SERGEANT ISREAL WEBSTER.

The military services of Sergeant Isreal Webster are established by the following evidence:

O. W. & N. DIVISION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 11, 1894.

SIR:—In reply to your request for a statement of the military history of Israel Webster, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you will find below the desired information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pension on file in this bureau.

OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.

Dates of Enlistment or Appointment.	Length of Service.	Rank.	Captain.	Colonel.	State.
March, 1776.	12 months.	Sergeant.	Jas. Osgood.	Bedell.	N. H.

Battles engaged in.....None mentioned

Residence of soldier at enlistment.....Kingston, N. H.

Date of application for pension.....Apr. 13, 1818

Residence at date of application....Readfield, Maine

Age at date of application.....65 years

Remarks: Born in Kingston, N. H., and died in Sept., 1835. The Christian name of his wife was Betsey, to whom he was married Oct. 25, 1772.

Very respectfully,

WM. LOCKREN, *Commissioner.*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,

CONCORD, April 27, 1891.

I certify that the following are true extracts from the State Archives:

A list of the Training Soldiers of the Town of Salisbury, drawn May 27, 1776:

(103 Names.)

The following soldiers are now in the Public Service:

Joseph Basford	Jonath Huntoon	James Basford
John Bayley	Eben ^r Scribner	Israel Webster
Philip Huntoon	Joseph Loverein	Wells Burbank
Sam ^l Loverein	Simeon Sanborn	
Reuben Hoit Jun ^r	Rowel Colby	

The with-in is a list of the Company under my command.

Test.

EBENEZER WEBSTER, *Capt.*

Pay roll for Cap. James Osgoods Co. in Col^l Bedels Reg^t 1776—Two months wages to Officers and one month to Non Commissioned Officers & privates. Also 40s County, 15s Blanket Money & 1^d per Mile billeting.

Rece^d of Israel Morey Esq^r

James Osgood Capt 1776	Jany 22 ^d	16. 8. 4.
	(8 names)	
Elias Abbot private	7th	5. 1. 8.
	(37 names)	
Israel Webster	Feb 18	5. — —
	(18 names)	

Pay Roll of Capt Ebenezer Websters Company in Col^o Thomas Stickneys Reg^t in Gen^l Starks Brigade raised out of the Regiment of New Hampshire Militia July 1777 which Company joined the Northern Continental Army at Bennington & Stillwater.

Among other names, officers and men; Israel Webster private; time of engagement Aug. 25, 1777; time of discharge September 25, 1777; time of service one month one day; rate per month 4-10; amount of wages 4-13; travel from Salisbury to Charleston fifty miles at 3d=0-12-6; travel from Stillwater and Bennington home to Salisbury at 2d per mile 1. 5. 0.; amount of wages and travel 6-10-6; wages received 0-0-0; balance due 6-10-6.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my official signature and affix the seal of the state of New Hampshire.

[Seal of State of New Hampshire.]

EZRA S. STEARNS,
Secretary of State.

The name of Israel Webster appears on the Salisbury roll of men at Bennington, thirteen in number, May 26, 1776, in Colonel Stark's regiment. *Hist. of Salisbury.*

April 12, 1776, Israel Webster took the oath of allegiance to the Colonies in manner and form done by his father, Captain John Webster, and others.

In 1791 Israel Webster appears on the ministerial tax list for the town of Salisbury.

In 1795 Israel Webster, with others, in the interests of education petitioned the General Assembly for the incorporation of an academy to be known as the Salisbury Academy.

In 1802 Sergeant Israel Webster moved to Farmington, in Maine, thence to Industry, thence to Readfield, thence to Belgrade.

The home of Sergeant Israel Webster in Belgrade was with his son Israel and daughter Ruth, both of whom were very fond of the old soldier. The farm was owned by the son Israel, who lived there until his father and mother died and were buried; then returned to Salisbury, in New Hampshire. The house was built of wood, clap-boarded on outside and bricked inside between the joists, in lieu of lathing and plaster; one story, with an attic; of six rooms, five on the ground floor and one above. The old-fashioned chimney and spacious fire-place common in those days, with ever-burning huge logs in the chimney, drawn in from the shed on a large hand-sled, for warmth and cooking purposes; in the large room in front of the fire was the bed of the Sergeant, where were kept the pewter-ware for the table, and where was hung his ancestor's sword, two-edged and about four feet long, which he had used in the Revolution, and in

times of peace was put to a practical use, that of shelling corn. Adjoining was the room of Grandmother Betsy, an ever-industrious woman, she herself of Revolutionary stock, as the daughter of Private Benjamin Rolfe and Lydia Pearsons. In 1776 Benjamin Rolfe subscribed the oath of allegiance to the Colonies, and on July 5, 1777, marched in Colonel Thomas Stickney's regiment, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Henry Gerrish, raised in the town of Concord and adjacent towns, to relieve the garrison of Ticonderoga. She spun flax and wool, grown on the farm, the year round for home use and sale in the Augusta market. She could dye the same with copperas and log-wood. She had an assistant, a girl from the neighborhood, who worked for fifty cents per week and her board, conditioned on her daily spinning five skeins of flax thread, forty threads to the knot, and seven knots to the skein, and to assist morning and evening in the milking of the cows and churning of butter for the market, where it sold for ten and twelve cents per pound. Grandmother Betsy did not confine herself to spinning alone; she could supervise the weaving of woollen and linen goods, and did so with a neighbor, who wove for the town's people and the market, sending the woollens to the Augusta mill to be fulled. The only lights for the house and for work were from pitch-pine knots, other than such as the great open fire-place gave out.

The raising of wool was a leading occupation. The largest wool-grower in the town had a flock of three thousand sheep. Others had smaller flocks, and Israel had one of about seventy, with cows, a yoke of oxen, and one horse, in 1827.

Sergeant Israel, about 1825, then past three score years and ten, was of medium height, very erect, rather thin than fleshy, with a long face and black hair. Through life, from

the early days, as a boy, when he followed his father, Captain John, through the woods, notching the trees, that they might not lose their way; later, when, as a boy, he trimmed after the men, cutting the roads under his father; throughout the war of the Revolution, and his twenty odd years driving his express wagon with goods and merchandise from Boston to Concord, in New Hampshire, he never knew a sick day, until about 1820, when he was attacked by rheumatism in the hip, which made him slightly lame, and enjoined him to go with a cane. His occupation at Belgrade was that of farming, raising wool and flax; although advanced in years, his supervision was practical, particularly in the wool and flax cleansing and scutching. He was prominent in town matters, and took great interest in military affairs, although not active himself. He was good-natured, replete with reminiscences of the Revolution, and stories; always of a jovial disposition, and a comrade with his neighbors. At that time Belgrade was closely settled; neighboring was an evening custom among men and women. The home of the Sergeant was a centre, and there gathered many friends most every evening, when he would turn the back of a rocking-chair down, spread over it a woollen blanket, stretch himself on the hearth before the open fire, and regale them with stories, and occasionally with a mug of cider. This beverage was scarce at this time. None was pressed in the town, because of no apples, and was purchased at Augusta. The Sergeant was very exact, yet in a pleasant way. He did not use tobacco in any form, nor did he touch or have liquor, except one barrel of cider each year, in his house. He had a nick-name for every one he knew. He was not a churchman. He had one enemy, who once, in way of hospitality, offered him and other neighbors cider to drink from a tin dish; this was not exact etiquette, as the Sergeant under-

stood it. He was not particular in his dress on ordinary occasions; a high-buttoned vest, without collar or cuffs, a frock coat almost to the knee, of homespun, without buttons, but with cloth enough to tie the ends together in front; a woodchuck cap for his head, and breeches of questionable fit, made at home, woollen, and sewed with flax thread, spun by his good wife, Betsy. On an extraordinary event he could don his long stockings, his knee-breeches with buckles, cut coat, stock and frill, and the beaver hat, tall and of antiquity, in shape that of an inverted truncated cone, for which there was loud inquiry after his death among his sons, evidently all desirous for the heirloom.

Israel and Betsy lived well and happy. Wheat raised on the farm was ground at the mill seven miles away. When a lamb, sheep, cow, or calf was killed, it was divided about town with the neighbors, and the compliment returned in kind. There was an abundance of trout in the brooks, easily caught with linen threads and hooks. The forests abounded in game, and partridges drummed for the old flint-lock almost at the very door of the house. The medium of exchange was in kind rather than in cash.

Sergeant Israel Webster and his wife, Betsy, died and were buried in Belgrade. On their tombstones are inscribed their names, ages, and dates of death.

IV.

Children of Sergeant Israel and Elizabeth, otherwise known as Betsey, Rolfe Webster. All born in Salisbury:

RUTH, born May 10, 1773; died Sept. 17, 1859.

ISRAEL, born Oct. 10, 1776; died Feb. 1, 1851.

JOHN, born June 20, 1777; married SARAH W. KEYES,
or PEASE, of Farmington, Me.; died Sept. 25,
1819.

SALLY, born Oct. 27, 1779; married ABIAL WARD-
WELL, of Salisbury, N. H.

Humphrey, born Feb. 1, 1781; died Oct. 18, 1847.

SAMUEL, born Jan. 15, 1783; died March 2, 1784.

CHARLOT, born March 9, 1785.

BETSY, born April 20, 1788; died Nov. 11, 1836.

MARY, born Sept. 16, 1790; married REUBEN WARD-
WELL, of Salisbury, N. H.; died Sept., 1836.

MOSES, born April 24, 1792; died July, 1805.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, born Nov. 24, 1794; died Sept.
8, 1829.

HUMPHREY WEBSTER.

Humphrey Webster, born Feb. 1, 1781, died October 18, 1847. He was married in Boscawen, New Hampshire, March, 1803, to Clarissa Greeley, who died in Newburyport, Aug. 4, 1822, at the age of forty-one years. He moved from Boscawen to Newburyport in 1804, and from Newburyport to Lowell in 1823.

Humphrey Webster, when in Newburyport, was a builder. Upon arriving in Lowell, he pursued his calling as a builder and contractor. Among his contracts were the agent's house of the Appleton Corporation, on Appleton Street, and of the Lowell Machine Shop, on Market and Dutton Streets. He erected the large blocks for the employees of the Boott on the Boott Corporation, and three blocks for the Tremont. He built most of the buildings then known as the Merrimack Print Works and the noted John Bull's Row, for the occupancy of the calico printers and engravers, who had been engaged to come from England and commence printing here in Lowell. He erected a row of cottage houses on what is now Merrimack Street, between Kirk and John Streets, which were replaced later by the noted "ten-footers," and the cottages were removed to what is now Belvidere, where many of them are located and inhabited. He erected the block for the Hamilton Corporation now standing just beyond the canal bridge on Central Street. He worked extensively for the Merrimack and Boott Corporations, and had the contract for the old town hall. He had the care of Central Bridge from its erection to his death.

The hours of labor out-of-doors at that time were thirteen — work from five to seven, half hour for breakfast, then to twelve, half hour for dinner, then to seven, in summer; from light to dark in winter; with wages sixteen dollars per month and board. He first lived in a wooden house at the corner of Central and Jackson Streets, then on Prescott Street where the Southwick Block now stands. While residing there Mr. Kirk Boott and others prepared for the construction of the canal, and offered to Mr. Webster the land opposite between Prescott and Central Streets for forty cents per foot. Later he erected his home in Centralville, where his son George now lives on Bridge Street, and where he passed the latter years of his life and died.

He was an active man throughout his life; methodical to a nicety; each night before retiring he would balance his books with every individual and corporation by whom he was employed. It was his practice to have no debts. He was regular and abstemious in his habits, and a churchman. He was buried at Newburyport beside his wife and children, Hiram and Mari Ann. In 1836 he was a director of the Central Village Academy.

V.

Children of Humphrey and Clarissa Greeley Webster.
All born in Newburyport, Massachusetts:

MOSES, born Aug. 26, 1805; died 1805.

HUMPHREY, born Feb. 27, 1808; died April, 1828.

George, born March 5, 1810.

HIRAM, born Feb. 5, 1812; died Nov. 21, 1831.

Franklin, born March 28, 1815; died July 9, 1864,

*William Prentiss, born June 9, 1817; died Feb. 27,
1877.*

MARI ANN, born July 12, 1819; died Oct. 18, 1837.

SALLY, born April 7, 1822; died Aug. 26, 1822.

VI.

GEORGE WEBSTER.

George Webster, born March 5, 1810. He was married December 29, 1835, to Sarah Blair Shepard, the daughter of Jacob and Susanna Shepard, of Holderness, New Hampshire.

Children of George and Sarah Blair Shepard Webster :

HIRAM WILLIAM, born Nov. 4, 1838; died Jan. 7, 1842.

GEORGE EDDY, born Feb. 5, 1841.

CLARA SUSAN, born Aug. 2, 1844, and married to
MAJOR EDWARD T. ROWELL, Sept. 8, 1870.

Major Rowell graduated from Dartmouth College in 1861; enlisted in the 5th N. H. Volunteers; was commissioned 2nd Lieut. in Co. F, 2nd U. S. Sharpshooters; promoted to major of the regiment; wounded at Gettysburg, again at Petersburg, Va., serving in the army nearly four years. In 1867 he came to Lowell, entered journalism; appointed postmaster in 1874, served to 1886; a member of the State Board of Gas and Electric Light Commission five years; now President of the Railroad National Bank.

VII.

CLARA SUSAN WEBSTER.

Children of Clara Susan Webster and Edward T. Rowell:

SADIE WEBSTER ROWELL, born Oct. 8, 1875; died May 19, 1880.

EDWARD WEBSTER ROWELL, born Nov. 29, 1878; died May 22, 1880.

CLARA ALICE ROWELL, born Aug. 8, 1881.

VI.

FRANKLIN WEBSTER.

Franklin Webster, born March 18, 1815; died July 7, 1864. He was married in 1837 to Caroline W. Wood, born Aug. 24, 1820, daughter of Micajah and Rachel Richardson Wood, of Dracut.

At the death of his mother the family was separated. Franklin was sent to live with his Aunt Sally, as she was known, who lived in Salisbury, New Hampshire. Subsequently he returned to Lowell and learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked for the Massachusetts and other corporations, when he retired and led a more cheerful life with his gardens and orchards, in which he toiled early and late, until his zeal overcame his physique and in consequence he died when in the prime of life. He was a man of remarkable keenness, a constant churchman, and of rigid temperate habits.

Children of Franklin and Caroline Wood Webster :

FRANKLIN AUGUSTUS, born March 12, 1839; married
LAVINIA PHILLIPS, daughter of Edwin and
Frances Phillips, of Boston, formerly of London,
England, March 12, 1860.

MARY ANN, born Sept. 9, 1840.

CAROLINE JOSEPHINE, born Jan. 11, 1844; married
JAMES PHILLIPS, son of Edwin and Frances
Phillips, of Boston, formerly of London, Eng-
land, May 7, 1870, who died. Married WILLIAM
R. HANKS, son of Christopher and Louisa Hanks,
March 30, 1881.

WILLIAM HENRY, born Sept. 19, 1845; married ELLEN
SUSAN LANGLEY, daughter of William and Susan
Langley, of Lowell, June, 1868.

FRANCES MARIA WEBSTER, born Jan. 2, 1853.

ELIZABETH FREEMONT WEBSTER, born May 29, 1856;
married CHARLES EMERSON HOWE, son of John
S. and Mary Howe, of Barrington, New
Hampshire, Jan. 1, 1884.

VII.

AUGUSTUS WEBSTER.

Children of Augustus and Lavinia Phillips Webster :

EDWIN FRANKLIN, born March 15, 1861.

CHARLES BARKER, born Dec. 31, 1867 ; died Dec. 20,
1877.

LAVINIA, born Aug. 30, 1875.

FRANCES PHILLIPS, born Aug. 5, 1880.

VII.

WILLIAM HENRY WEBSTER.

Children of William Henry and Ellen Susan Langley
Webster :

VIRGINIA, born Feb. 18, 1869.

PAUL HUMPHREY, born Oct. 6, 1870.

VI.

WILLIAM PRENTISS WEBSTER.

William Prentiss Webster, born June 9, 1817; died February 27, 1877. He was married August 21, 1850, to Susan Hildreth, daughter of Dr. Israel and Dolly Jones Hildreth, of Dracut, Massachusetts. He was born in Newburyport; came to Lowell with his father, Humphrey Webster, in 1823, where he attended the public schools, and fitted for Dartmouth College, where he graduated in 1837. After leaving college he taught school in a brick school-house on what is now Tenth Street, in Centralville. Later he went to Maryland, where he taught school for several years, and commenced the study of the law. He then returned to Lowell, where he continued his law studies, and in 1846 was admitted to practice in the Courts of the Commonwealth. His practice was in Lowell. For many years he was on the School Board, and interested in public education. In 1854 he was elected a member of the Common Council, again in 1858, and in 1859, when he was President of that body. In 1856 he was elected an Alderman of Lowell. In 1863 he was appointed Major and Provost Judge in the Department of Virginia and North Carolina, with headquarters at Norfolk, Virginia, where he remained until the close of the War of the Rebellion. He then returned to Lowell, where he resumed the practice of the law, when, in 1869, he was appointed by President Grant Consul General of the United States at Frankfort-on-the-Main, in Germany. He died at Frankfort on February 27, 1877, while in the discharge of his consular duties.

Children of William Prentiss and Susan Hildreth Webster:

PRENTISS, born May 24, 1851; married Dec. 12, 1877,
to SARAH MARIA BURLINGAME, born Feb. 10,
1855, daughter of Colonel Stephen Burlingame
and Elsie Maria Tillinghast Burlingame, of East
Greenwich, Rhode Island.

WARWICK, born Sept. 30, 1853; died Aug. 2, 1854.

VIRGINIA, born Sept. 30, 1853; died Aug. 5, 1854.

RANDOLPH, born Sept. 29, 1855; married BLANCHE
WILLOUGHBY MONTGOMERY MOORE July 4, 1878,
who died Jan. 3, 1883; married ANNA COHAWN
Sept. 10, 1884.

VII.

PRENTISS WEBSTER.

Children of Prentiss and Sarah Maria Burlingame Webster.
All born in Lowell:

SUSAN HILDRETH, born Jan. 2, 1879.

ADELINE BURLINGAME, born March 18, 1883; died
Feb. 28, 1887.

PRENTISS BURLINGAME, born Jan. 6, 1885; died Sept.
15, 1886.

HELEN BURLINGAME, born Jan. 13, 1886.

DOROTHY, born Nov. 23, 1888.



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